

31 August 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Unified Armed Forces Security Agency

1. Reference is made to a memorandum from the Secretary of Defense to the Secretaries of the Army and Air Force, dated 20 July 1948, entitled "Unified Armed Forces Security Agency" and to the prohibition contained therein against implementation of the Army and Air Force transfer agreements relating to communication intelligence and security functions.

2. At its meeting on 3 August 1948, the War Council took up the question of removing this prohibition insofar as the following functions were concerned: (1) tactical intercept; (2) cryptographic security and equipment; (3) staff processing and research of material. It was agreed at that time that the prohibition with respect to the transfer of tactical intercept could be removed, but I did not concur in the transfer of the other two functions.

3. Further discussions have been held between the representatives of the Army and Air Force with respect to the necessity for, and desirability of, removing the prohibition against transferring the functions of cryptographic security and equipment, and staff processing and research of material. An acceptable understanding has not been reached.

(Signed) KENNETH C. ROYALL

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